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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID EAGR US EG
SUBJECT: INCREASE TO FY 77 PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM

REF: STATE 14535

1. I WAS IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING A MESSAGE ON REF SUBJECT WHEN YOUR TELEGRAM ARRIVED. AFTER TRAUMATIC EVENTS OF PAST WEEK, I BELIEVE SADAT REGIME NEEDS SOME PUBLIC EFFORT ON OUR PART TO SHOW SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH OUR APPROVED PL-480 TITLE I INCREASE IS MODEST, I BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP SADAT IF WE COULD IN NEXT WEEK OR SO SIGN AMENDMENT. IT SHOULD NOT TAKE US MORE THAN DAY OR SO TO NEGOTIATE. IF OUR BUREAUCRACY SIMPLY CANNOT GEAR ITSELF UP TO MOVING FAST IN A SERIOUS SITUATION, AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT IS AN ACCEPTABLE SECOND BEST. SUCH QUICK ACTION ON OUR PART WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO USG IMAGE IN EGYPT AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT WHEN EGYPTIAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, PRESS AND OTHERS ARE CALLING UPON FRIENDLY DONORS TO PROVIDE NEEDED SUPPORT IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING POLITICAL STABILITY.

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2. I FRANKLY FIND IT UNCONSCIONABLE THAT OUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRACY SHOULD HAVE TO TAKE FOUR WEEKS TO GET SOMETHING LIKE THIS UNDERWAY. FOR MAXIMUM POLITICAL IMPACT AND TO ACHIEVE OUR POLITICAL PURPOSES, WE SHOULD ACT QUICKLY.

3. I AM NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT IS MEANT BY RELATING THE NEW AID TO EGYPTIAN REFORM EFFORTS. THERE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE NO

SUGGESTION OF ANY CONDITION. TO USE FOOD FOR POLITICAL
LEVERAGE WILL BOOMERANG ON US AT ANY TIME, BUT EVEN MORE SO
NOW. IN OUR ANNOUNCEMENT WE COULD, OF COURSE, MAKE SOME GENERAL
STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS ADDITIONAL AID IS BEING
PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF GOE'S COURAGEOUS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
ITS DIFFICULT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

4. I HAVE REPORTED SEPARATELY TO THE SECRETARY A NEW REQUEST
BY FAHMY FOR \$500 MILLION CIP ALLOCATION FOR FOODSTUFFS
ALONG WITH MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE CONSIDER GOING ALONG
WITH THIS REQUEST. SINCE I ASSUME THAT, WITH BEST WILL IN
WORLD, IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO LLOK INTO THIS, IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COULD INFORM FAHMY AND OTHERS OF ABOVE
ADDITIONAL PL-480 TITLE I ALLOCATION EVEN BEFORE STATESIDE
MECHANICS ARE FULLY WORKED OUT. AMOUNT IS MODEST AND WILL
HAVE LIMITED IMPACT, BUT ACCOMPANIED BY STATMENT WE ARE STUDYING
BROADER REQUEST, IT WOULD STILL HAVE SOME VALUE IN PRESENT
SITUATION.
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